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The meeting was called to order at 11.25 a.m.

Agenda item 17: Information and communications technologies for development (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.22 and L.56)

Draft resolutions on information and communications technologies for development (A/C.2/65/L.22 and L.56)

1. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.56, submitted by Mr. Pierre (Haiti), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.22. She took it that the Committee was prepared to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

2. **Mr. Glucksman** (United States of America), speaking in explanation of position, said that the draft resolution highlighted the essential development role of information and communications technology (ICT) and recognized the important contribution of the Internet Governance Forum by renewing its mandate. Given the broad recognition of the Forum's value by the Secretary-General and the respondents to his survey, it was regrettable that the consensus reached on the draft resolution did not better reflect the improvements made to the Forum's working methods and the year-to-year increase in participation in the Forum by developing countries under its present leadership.

3. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.56 was adopted.*

4. **Mr. de Bassompierre** (Belgium), speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate country Croatia; the stabilization and association process countries Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; and, in addition, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, welcomed the reaffirmation of support for the Internet Governance Forum and its non-binding, multi-stakeholder character through the renewal of its mandate. He also welcomed the consultation meeting of the working group of the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development being held that day in Geneva on improvements to the working methods of the Forum.

5. However, the draft resolution just adopted insufficiently highlighted the positive assessment made by the vast majority of Member States concerning the Forum's functioning and evolution since its creation. The Forum had fully met the requirements of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society and the high level of participation in the Forum demonstrated that it provided a valuable platform for dialogue and the sharing of best practices. The European Union particularly welcomed the increasing participation from developing countries in the Forum and also encouraged greater collaboration between the Forum and national and regional Forums. The dramatic increase in remote participation testified to a creative use of ICT to ensure participation from a broad range of stakeholders. The Forum had demonstrated its capacity for self-improvement and adaptation and should remain flexible to enable it to respond to new developments.

6. **Mr. Delisle** (Canada), speaking on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand (CANZ), said that the decision to renew the Forum's mandate reflected the overwhelming support expressed for it during formal consultations in Sharm el-Sheikh and in the note by the Secretary-General (A/65/78). Recalling that the draft resolution contained language on the need for improvements to the Forum, he stressed that the vast majority of respondents supported the continuation of the Forum without any substantial change to its format and working methods. Nonetheless, CANZ looked forward to participating in the Commission on Science and Technology for Development working group to discuss any possible improvements to the Forum.

7. It was disappointing that the draft resolution had not welcomed the proactive work of the Forum to improve its own working methods since its establishment. CANZ was encouraged that the Forum had taken up several of the suggestions made during the Sharm el-Sheikh consultations and had noted the dramatic increase in remote participation and the inclusion of development issues in the Forum's agenda. The emergence of many regional and national Forums since 2005 had also reinforced the success of the Forum's multi-stakeholder model.

8. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.22 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 20: Sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.28/Rev.1 and L.35/Rev.1)

Draft resolution entitled "Protection of coral reefs for sustainable livelihoods and development" (A/C.2/65/L.28/Rev.1)

9. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.28/Rev.1, submitted by Australia on behalf of the sponsors listed

in the document. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications. She noted that the draft resolution had previously been issued in error under the symbol A/C.2/65/L.49. Document A/C.2/65/L.49 had therefore been withdrawn, as indicated in document A/C.2/65/L.49/Corr.1.

10. **Mr. Goledzinowski** (Australia), noting that the draft resolution had received broad support, including from States that had no coral reef systems or were landlocked, announced that the following countries wished to become its sponsors: Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Latvia, the Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovakia, Sweden, Thailand, Tonga and Ukraine.

11. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the following countries also wished to join the list of sponsors: Belize, Croatia, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Viet Nam.

12. **Mr. Nayasi** (Fiji), speaking on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States, namely the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and his own country, Fiji, said that the document in question was a landmark resolution for those countries, as it integrated many of the challenges facing them. Pacific islanders were heavily dependent on coral reef ecosystems for their food security and livelihoods. Coral reefs also protected island shores from erosion and tsunamis and were an essential part of the islanders' cultural identity. The greatest threat to coral reefs was carbon dioxide pollution in the form of climate change and ocean acidification, with massive coral bleaching taking place that very year. The draft resolution was timely and highlighted the imperative for immediate action.

13. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.28/Rev.1 was adopted.*

14. **Ms. Kızıltan** (Turkey) said that the draft resolution addressed important issues with respect to the conservation and sustainable use of marine resources. While recognizing the vital importance of coral reefs and ecosystems for the sustainable livelihoods and development of small island States, Turkey wished however to disassociate itself from references contained in the draft resolution to international instruments to which it was not a party.

Draft resolution entitled "Global Code of Ethics for Tourism" (A/C.2/65/L.35/Rev.1)

15. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.35/Rev.1, which was being submitted by Honduras on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. She took it that the Committee was prepared to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

16. **Ms. Flores** (Honduras) said that the draft resolution was aimed at promoting sustainability in the tourism sector, biodiversity and natural disaster preparedness. She made two minor drafting changes to paragraph 6 of the Spanish language version. She also announced that Luxembourg, Monaco, Seychelles and Slovenia had joined the list of sponsors.

17. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) said the Comoros, Fiji, Gabon, Lebanon and Serbia also wished to join as sponsors.

18. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.35/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

19. **Mr. Khan** (World Tourism Organization) said that his organization appreciated the Committee's support in promoting responsible tourism for sustainable development and expressed gratitude to the sponsors of the draft resolution.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.34 and L.54)

Draft resolutions entitled "International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon" (A/C.2/65/L.34 and L.54)

20. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.54, submitted by Ms. Würtz (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.34. She took it that the Committee was prepared to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

21. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.54 was adopted.*

22. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.34 was withdrawn.*

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.33 and L.51)

Draft resolutions on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind (A/C.2/65/L.33 and L.51)

23. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.51, submitted by Ms. Würtz (Hungary), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.33. She took it that the Committee was prepared to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

24. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.51 was adopted.*

25. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.33 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 22: Globalization and interdependence (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.9 and L.50)

Draft resolutions on culture and development (A/C.2/65/L.9 and L.50)

26. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.50, submitted by Mr. Pierre (Haiti), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.9. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

27. **Mr. Pierre** (Haiti), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, introduced some minor drafting changes to the text.

28. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.50, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

29. **Mr. Gutiérrez** (Peru) welcomed the adoption of the draft resolution, which advanced the discussion of culture and development within the United Nations in a number of significant ways.

30. Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.9 was withdrawn.

The meeting was suspended at 12.10 p.m. and resumed at 12.20 p.m.

Agenda item 23: Groups of countries in special situations (*continued*)

(a) Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (*continued*) (A/C.2/65/L.5 and A/C.2/65/L.55)

Draft resolutions on the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/C.2/65/L.5 and A/C.2/65/L.55)

31. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.55, submitted by Mr. Empole (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Rapporteur of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.5. She took it that the Committee was prepared to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure.

32. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee), making an oral statement in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure, said that the informal active hearings pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the draft resolution would require meetings and documentation services. It had been determined that the meetings services resources allotted to the General Assembly could be utilized, provided that the General Assembly itself and its working groups would not meet in parallel. It was expected that the costs of processing the documentation in-house would be absorbed. Accordingly, should the draft resolution be adopted, there would be no programme budget implications for the biennium 2010-2011.

33. She drew attention to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the General Assembly had reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters and had reaffirmed also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. She also drew attention to paragraph 67 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/7), in which the Advisory Committee had noted that the use of the phrase "within existing resources" or similar language in resolutions had a negative impact on the implementation of activities; therefore, efforts should be made to avoid the use of that phrase in resolutions and decisions.

34. **Ms. Kızıltan** (Turkey) made several editorial amendments to the text of the draft resolution. She added that, as the host country of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Turkey would continue to work closely with those countries, development partners and the United Nations family in the run-up to the Conference.

35. **Ms. Morizet** (France) made some editorial amendments to the French text of the draft resolution to bring it more closely into line with the English version.

36. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.55, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

37. **Mr. Sharma** (Nepal), speaking on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries, welcomed the adoption of the draft resolution by consensus, especially in view of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in 2011, which was being convened at the highest possible level. The Conference should be an important step forward in addressing the myriad development challenges of the least developed countries through an ambitious, comprehensive, forward-looking and results-oriented agenda for the forthcoming decade. Global commitments must be consolidated and a new agenda defined, with a clear framework for accountability and monitoring.

38. The least developed countries were looking forward to a strong new partnership for human and economic development, infrastructure and productive capacity development, including agriculture, as well as special measures to deal with multiple challenges. Robust international support measures must be scaled up in terms of official development assistance, trade, foreign direct investment and debt, and there needed to be continuous follow-up and monitoring.

39. The United Nations had an important role to play in mobilizing system-wide support for the preparation and organization of the Conference. In that regard, the least developed countries appreciated the efforts being made by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and called for continued and enhanced support from all.

40. *Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.5 was withdrawn.*

The meeting rose at 12.45 p.m.